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1. (U) I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ A COPY OF STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM NUMBER 316, DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1962, TO AMEMB, VIENTIANE. THE FOLLOWING IS MY POSITION:

A. (C) SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF VM WITHDRAWAL WITH ONE EXCEPTION - THE DEPARTURE OF 15 VM FROM THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON 27 AUGUST 1962. SOUPHANOUVONG HAS STATED THAT THESE ARE ALL THAT WILL BE WITHDRAWN

B. (C) SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ENEMY ATTACKS, ESPECIALLY ON THE MEO. THESE INDICATE COMMUNIST INTENT TO CONTINUE BY EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS TO RETAIN AND EXPAND THEIR PRESENT HOLDINGS IN LAOS.

C. (C) THE ICC TEAM AT THE CHECK POINT AT NHOMMARATH HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE COMMUNISTS TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE ENTIRELY INEFFECTIVE.

D. (S) BASED ON MY EVALUATION OF REPORTS FROM CAS, MAAG REGIONS, 1 2 .55, FAR AND OTHER SOURCES, I HOLD 8,930 VM TROOPS AND ADVISORS IN LAOS.

E. (S) THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN UNCOOPERATIVE ON THE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL. EVEN THE TOKEN DEPARTURE OF 15 VM FROM THE PDJ WAS HANDLED IN AN INDIFFERENT MANNER, I.E. NO NAMES WERE GIVEN TO THE ICC AND NO IDENTIFICATION WAS SHOWN. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE TIGHTENED SECURITY OVER THEIR AREA TO THE POINT WHERE FEW IF ANY OF OUR SIDE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PENETRATE THE LOCAL "BAMBOO CURTAIN".

F. (S) ON THE BASIS OF PRESENT FACTS, THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THE ACCORDS AND WILL NOT HAVE DEPARTED LAOS ON 6 OCTOBER. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY AND THE MAAG WILL UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BE CLEAR OF LAOS ON 6 OCTOBER.

COG.....JCS/J5-3

CJCS-1 DJS-3 SJCS-1 J1-1 J2-1 J3-1 J4-3 J6-3 SACS-1 DIA/CIIC-3 JWR-2

JWRA-1 JSSC-1 SAMAA-1 SAPB-1 WHITE HOUSE-2 SEC DEF-5 FILE-1 (38) ceh

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2. THIS IS THE SITUATION AND IN MY OPINION THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE
 THAT THE PICTURE WILL BE ALTERED BY THE VM IN THE TIME REMAINING.

3. AMBASSADOR UNGER WILL SEND DETAILED COMMENT WHICH YOU WILL RE-
 CEIVE FOR INFORMATION THROUGH HIS CHANNLES.
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